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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7691

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUNICH 2659

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, CZ, GW

SUBJ: HIJACKING OF CZECH AIRCRAFT FROM PRAGUE TO MUNICH

1. A CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES (CSA) IL-18, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO FLY FROM PRAGUE TO BRATISLAVA EVENING OF OCTOBER 28, WAS HIJACKED IN PRAGUE AT ABOUT 2100 HOURS CET. THE HIJACKER, A 26 YEAR-OLD MALE WHO WAS ARMED WITH A SUBMACHINE GUN AND PISTOL, ENTERED AIRCRAFT SHORTLY BEFORE TAKEOFF, COMMANDEERED IT AND FORCED CREW TO FLY TO MUNICH.

2. HIJACKED AIRCRAFT REACHED AREA NORTH OF MUNICH AT 2230 HOURS CET, LANDED AT MUNICH-RIEM AT 2258 HOURS.

3. AIR CRAFT CARRIED FLIGHT NO. OK313. IT WAS SCHEDULED TO LAND IN BRATISLAVA AT 2058 HOURS. 105 ADULT PASSENGERS, ONE CHILD AND SIX CREW MEMBERS WERE ABOARD. ALL PASSENGERS WERE INDENTIFIED EXCEPT ONE CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY OFFICER, PRESUMABLY A

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FIED EXCEPT ONE CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY OFFICER, PRESUMABLY A

COLONEL, AND SEVERAL GDR CITIZENS WHO REFUSED TO COMPLETE  
BORDER CROSSING QUESTIONNAIRES.

4. HIJACKER, WHO WAS FIRST PERSON TO DEBARK AIRCRAFT,  
IMMEDIATELY SURRENDERED TO BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES WITHOUT  
INCIDENT. PERSONAL DATA ON HIJACKER ARE:

NAME: BECVAR, RUDOLF;

DPB: CZECHOSLOVAKIA, NOVEMBER 19, 1950.

BECVAR IS CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY OF MUNICH CITY POLICE. HE  
IS BEING HELD AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS (PRAESIDIUM) FOR  
FURTHER PROCESSING. HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO RETURN  
TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BUT HAS NOT AS OF NOW REQUESTED ASYLUM.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS RELEASED BY BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES (STATE  
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE) AND DEPARTED MUNICH AT 0426 HOURS  
OCTOBER 29 FOR PRAGUE.

6. REASON FOR HIJACKING IS NOT YET KNOWN, BUT POLICE  
SPECULATE PRIVATLEY ON BASIS INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAIL-  
ABLE THE SOLE RATIONALE WAS PERSONAL ESCAPE FROM CZECHO-  
SLOVAKIA.

7. COMMENT: ABOVE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM BAVARIAN  
BORDER POLICE. PLEASE PROTECT AND TREAT AS  
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